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THREE-DIMENSIONAL ARRAY OF SUPPORTS FOR SOLID-PHASE PARALLEL
SYNTHESIS AND METHOD OF USE

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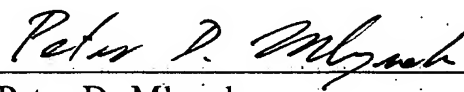
Enclosed herewith are the following documents: (A) Reply to Examiner's Requirement for Species Election; (B) Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 (a); and (C) Form PTO-2038 authorizing the U.S.P.T.O. to charge the fees to cover the Petition for Extension of Time.

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Reply to Examiner's Requirement for Species Election,
As Set Forth in the Office Action Dated September 7, 2004

Sir:

This Reply is being filed in response to the Office Action dated September 7, 2004, having a 3-month extended period for response set to expire on January 7, 2005.

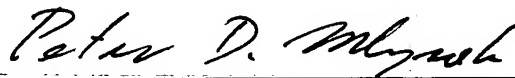
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The Examiner has stated that Claims 46 to 65 are drawn to a plurality of disclosed patentably distinct species of the method as defined by: (A) the species of support transfer device used, and (B) the species of solid support used as defined by composition and shape.

The applicant hereby provisionally elects the species wherein the method uses a support transfer device of a rack having a plurality of rods sized to be inserted through an aperture formed in each support and a mechanism to prevent the supports from coming off the rack, and a polypropylene sphere as the solid support, to which the claims shall be limited should no generic claims be finally held allowable. The claims readable thereon being Claims 46 to 58, 60 to 65.

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